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PROJECT HENDON – STRATEGIC INTELLIGENCE OVERVIEW

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The next report will be issued Monday, February 28, 2022.

KEY INFORMATION:

1. Provincially the Freedom Movement remains stable following enforcement operations in Ottawa to disperse the Freedom Convoy and BearHug 2.0 actions.
2. A number of Freedom Movement and Public Health Protests are anticipated to take place around the province in keeping with the current momentum of the anti-government movement as a whole.
3. The Russian-Ukrainian conflict may generate protest activity, events, and criminality arising from Canada's stated opposition to the military actions of the Russian state.

The Project HENDON Report contains information reported by the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group (NCRCC - CIG) which includes reporting from deployed resources and real-time police observations.

Freedom (Patriot) Movement & Public Health Protest

Ottawa remains the Ontario epicentre of focus for ongoing Freedom Movement organizing. Ottawa Police Service (OPS) report a security posture remains in place in the downtown core of Ottawa, although, with a reduced footprint. Weekend protest activity is anticipated to continue at the Canadian War Museum where a small group have been demonstrating daily at 11:00 hours. Additional participants may arrive from the GTA in keeping with information that has been advertised by WE ARE ALL ESSENTIAL through social media platforms for the past two weekends. The information remains unconfirmed for February 26, 2022, and no issues resulted from previous events. A demonstration march from Confederation Park to Parliament Hill has been advertised through social media for February 26, 2022, beginning at 09:00 hours; no participant numbers are known at this time. Information included with the social media post indicated the group may join the demonstration at the War Museum in the afternoon. OPS also reports there remain between eight (8) and ten (10) convoy participant vehicles parked at a location on Bank St. Efforts to determine the intent of the small group are ongoing with no concerns identified to date. Police information indicates a group is planning to gather in Beauce region (Saint-Honore de Shenley) on February 26, 2022, at 05:00 hours, and travel in small groups towards an undisclosed destination. The organizer for this event is

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not well known within the freedom movement and early metrics reflect low interest. Stakeholders remain engaged towards monitoring. Police information indicates FARFADAAS members are planning to gather February 26, 2022, at 10:00 hours at the Halte 50 in Brownsburg, QC; and while their action remains unknown, they also posted information identifying an event in Lachute at 11:00 hours, which suggests they are not intending to travel to Ottawa. Stakeholders remain engaged towards monitoring.

OPS report they are receiving threats towards officers by way of emails and phone calls, one incident in particular targeted an officer whose image and name had been 'doxed' in social media; however, the wrong officer was identified owing to a common name. This highlights officer safety concerns for all law enforcement involved in the freedom movement at large with a particular emphasis for individuals and police services involved in the enforcement operations in Ottawa.

Ottawa Police Service are also involved in monitoring events at the Embassy of Ukraine where protesters have gathered in response to the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine.

In the outlying areas, OPP information reports the following in relation to the small encampments of convoy participants:

- A location in Vars has been resolved and vacated.
- A location on White Lake Road is reported to have approximately 10 vehicles, two new campers have arrived since yesterday, and to tractors remain on site (unchanged).
- A location near Hawkesbury, Splendron Farms, remains unchanged with approximately 12 to 15 vehicles parked in a manner that maintains a view of County Road 34.

Stakeholders remain engaged toward monitoring for future protest activity. Some individuals who had travelled from out of province appear to be making their way back to their home locations. It remains to be seen if some of the persons who remain at these sites are awaiting the outcome of [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] judicial proceedings (today), as well as that of [REDACTED] whose next court date which is March 2, 2022. As of reporting time, [REDACTED] has been denied bail. Recently learned information indicates some individuals may attempt to organize a protest at the corrections facility where [REDACTED] is being held. Stakeholders are aware and engaged. Information shared through social media indicates there is a general re-grouping effort towards "next steps". Messages contain references with common themes of: "this isn't over"; "things are in the works to move this movement in magnificent ways"; and "We are in no way done". Also shared are statements which reflect replacement leadership figures have adopted a greater degree of security consciousness and are keeping information at close-hold.

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Support Convoys, Rallies, and Protests

A number of freedom convoys, protests and rallies have been identified through social media and have been planned for this weekend. Several of these appear to be part of ongoing and recurring events which predated the Freedom Convoy specifically. To date, none of the events have identified concerns of violence or large scale civil unrest and disorder; however, the possibility of spontaneous disruptions to major roadways and nearby critical infrastructure cannot be excluded. Toronto, Windsor, Sarnia, Niagara, London, and surrounding areas remain key locations for increased protest activities. (A more complete list of events can be found in Appendix A: "Anticipated Events".)

Nipigon Bridge – There is no further information identified for a protest re-scheduled for February 26, 2022. (The original date for this event was February 13, 2022).

Toronto Police Service report they are aware of protest activities planned in support of Ukraine; notably the Consulate General of Ukraine is located within their jurisdiction. Stakeholders are engaged.

Media reporting and law enforcement partners indicate there have been a recent and large number of events targeting elected officials motivated by anti-government sentiment on account of the Freedom Convoy. These have included uttering threats and criminal extremism in the form of vandalism enacted against property associated to elected officials.

Police reporting indicates there remains a demand on resources to attend calls for service on account of public health policy non-compliance issues as well as disputes (sometimes family and custody related) arising from differing ideologies surrounding the safety of COVID-19 vaccines.

Currently, there is no specific credible threat and monitoring remains attuned to where ideologically motivated extremism may manifest among some supporters. Given the complexity of issues emerging from protests, a list of upcoming protest events is included for situational awareness, please refer to **Appendix A: "Anticipated Events"** at the end of this report.

Assessment

Reporting from all sources, police, media, and social media, combine to form an intelligence overview that illustrates a protest landscape of relative stability. By all accounts the Freedom Movement appears to be regenerating itself and evolving; although the scope, intent, and capability for future actions remains unknown. Indicators from the voices of protesters indicate several within the movement are no less committed to achieving their objectives of pursuing a government change without the authority of law; however, appear to be re-strategizing their methods.

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Notably, planning and events appear to be forming in closed groups. This could mean larger events may arise spontaneously or with short lead times. While exact planning methodology is not known, observations from previous ideologically motivated movements suggest organizers could employ tactics where only a small number of persons are aware of the actual plan, while participants have been recruited and mobilized under general terminology of participating in a protest. While this poses a challenge to law enforcement, continued efforts and engagement with protest organizers where possible could mitigate this potential. The enforcement actions in Windsor and Ottawa appear to have lessened the mobilization of out of province participants and deterred some individuals from engaging in further criminality. However, where large scale civil unrest may be temporarily diminished, there remains a heightened awareness to lone actor and small group actions. These types of actions have recently been observed against police and law enforcement personnel, including the doxing of officers involved in the Ottawa enforcement operations, and have extended to criminal extremism in the form of vandalism and acts carried out toward elected officials. Constituency offices and personal residences of elected officials remain vulnerable to events of protest and ideologically motivated criminal extremism. External variables may affect the duration of this current ebb in protest activity; such as the removal of some public health mandates in Ontario, March 1, 2022; and world events specifically the Russian-Ukrainian conflict. A freedom convoy appears to be mobilizing in the United-States towards Washington DC, between March 5 and 7, 2022; this may serve to re-energize nationally organized movements. Currently, on the horizon for March 5, 2022, is a nationally organized Freedom Chain – whereby participants will form a chain along highways linked across the country – the true logistics and participation interest for this event are limited. Efforts to identify are ongoing.

The realization of an action, attack, or incident result from where intent and capability meet with opportunity. Relative threat levels can increase or decrease in response to an actor's personal circumstances and where these may be influenced by their perception of urgency to bring about change.

The Russian-Ukrainian conflict may bring about a number of protests, events, and criminality acted out against persons or property in relation to this activity and Canada's stated opposition to the military actions of the Russian state. Please forward any activity of this nature – where required it will be forwarded to the appropriate client for awareness and action.

Through a co-ordination of efforts, the OPP continues to provide situational awareness supporting operations at provincial tables.

Please send all information and/or intelligence regarding relevant suspicious incidents or acts of criminal extremism to the following Project Hendon intake email address:

OPP.Project.Hendon@opp.ca

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Appendix "A" – Anticipated Events

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	0900 hrs	Ottawa Freedom Collective	Location: Confederation Park, Ottawa March from Confederation Park to Parliament Hill (may combine with War Museum protest in the afternoon)
26-Feb-22	1200 hrs	We Are All Essential Freedom Bus	Depart: 0700 hrs from Toronto Arrive Ottawa approx. 1200 hrs – drop off at City Hall (may attend War Museum site) Speeches at 1200 hrs Depart: 1800 hrs for return to Toronto
Daily	1100 hrs	Freedom Rally Ottawa	Canadian War Museum – 1 Vimy Place, Ottawa Daily at 1100 hrs From Instagram page We Are All Essential Unknown participants

TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK			
CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	1200 hrs	Convoy for Freedom Toronto - March for Freedom	Meet in the North Park at 1200 hrs March to begin at 1400 hrs Route: Avenue – Bloor – Yonge – Queen – Spadina – College – Queen's Park Cres E Anticipated attendance unknown

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26-Feb-22	1200 hrs	The Line Canada - Toronto Peaceful Assembly	"It's time to say NO to mandatory vaccinations & vaccine passports" Queen's Park, Toronto Start at 1200 hrs thelinecanada.com / attendance unknown
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WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

CURRENT SITUATION - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

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ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE

DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	1530 hrs	Bake Sale for the Freedom Fighter Defence	Location: 4810 Wyandotte St E, Windsor

SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)

CURRENT SITUATION - SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)

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ANTICIPATED EVENTS - SARNIA (HWY 402/BUEWATER BRIDGE)

DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
26-Feb-22	1030 hrs	Freedom Convoy	Meet: 1030 hrs at Bluewater Bridge Depart: 1100 hrs from Bluewater Bridge Finish: 1200 hrs at City Hall Route: Michigan – Venetian Blvd – Front St – Wellington St – Murphy Rd – London Rd – Lambton Mall Rd – Exmouth St Convoy Collection: 1145 hrs Norm Perry Park Depart: 1150 hrs Norm Perry Park – Exmouth St – Christina St – City Hall

OTHER AREAS / EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS - WEEK OF 21 FEBRUARY 2022

TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
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Week of 21 Feb 2022	Canada	FREEDOM WEEK	Week of 21 Feb 2022 Organizers associated to the Ottawa truck convoy are encouraging individuals to participate in a week of civil disobedience
OTHER EVENTS - FRIDAY 25 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Hawkesbury / L'Orignal	Support Protest for those arrested in Ottawa	*rescheduled from 21 Feb 22* Support protest in Hawkesbury for those arrested in Ottawa. Group will join the planned protest at the CSDCEO school board in L'Orignal
OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
1100 hrs	Hamilton to Niagara Falls	Hamilton Convoy for Freedom 2022	Meet Time: 1100 hrs Location: Gage Park - back lot Departure: 1200 hrs Route: King St - Centennial - Hwy 20 to Smithville ETA 1300 hrs in Smithville to join with Haldimand Norfolk group (see below) Depart Smithville 1330/1400 hrs via Hwy 20 to Niagara Falls
1100 hrs	Haldimand-Norfolk to Niagara Falls	Convoy Haldimand Norfolk	Time: 1100 hrs Location: Dunnville Farmers Market Alternate Meet Location: Cayuga Route: Dunnville – Cayuga – Hwy 3 to Smithville – Niagara Falls via Hwy 20 (will join with group at Cayuga alternate meeting location)

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1200 hrs	Smiths Falls to Arnprior	Stop Being Compliant Stand with Us Freedom Convoy	Start: 1200 hrs at Smiths Falls Community Centre Slow-Roll Route: Smiths Falls – Perth – Carleton Place – Arnprior (White Lake Rd) Unknown number of participants
1400 hrs	London	Freedom Convoy #4 – London Ontario	Meet: 1400 hrs Location: McDonald's parking lot at Wellington Rd S at Hwy 401
1400 hrs	Hamilton City Hall	FREEDOM OF CHOICE RALLY	Guest speakers: Michael BATOR from People's Party of Canada and friends
1430 hrs	Victoria Park, London	Support Health Care Workers	Location: NW corner of Victoria Park, London Unknown participants
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022
OTHER EVENTS - SUNDAY 27 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1100 hrs	Niagara on the Lake	Niagara Local Convoy	Meet at Husky in Niagara on the Lake
1200 hrs	Orangeville	Dufferin – Caledon Community Gathering WE STAND WITH OUR TRUCKERS	Post from Canada Protests and Freedom to Assemble Information Page Time: 1200 hrs Location: Rotary Park, 80 2nd Ave, Orangeville Unknown participants
1300 hrs	Victoria Park, London	The 22Movement - Freedom Parties	Freedom Parties in Victoria Park Speakers from: - Ontario Libertarian Party - People's Party of Canada (PPC) - New Blue Ontario - None of the Above Party (NOTA)
OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 05 MARCH 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs 1430 hrs	Canada	Freedom Chain Across Canada	Freedom Chain across Canada to take place on Trans-Canada Highway(s) Ontario Route: Hwy 17 at Manitoba border – Hwy 11 in North Bay – Hwy 12 through Orillia – Hwy 7 – Hwy 417 to Quebec Border
OTHER EVENTS - EARLY/MID-MARCH 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS

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Various	Washington DC, USA	Several convoys to Washington DC, USA	Several trucker convoys are expected to converge on Washington DC in early to mid-March. Disruptions to traffic expected on major roadways beginning 23 Feb 2022. Major disruptions anticipated in the Washington DC area from 05-07 March 22. May impact the Canadian Diplomatic Mission located at 501 Pennsylvania Ave NW, Washington DC.
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